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Group Art Unit: 2143

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For: DATA CONVERSION RULE SWITCHING  
DEVICE

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form 1449 and a full copy of each of these documents accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in an International Search Report issued August 20, 2004 during the prosecution of international application no. 04101412.7-2212 which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, and a copy of the International Search Report and each document cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that each item contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the USPTO notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) to provide copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Published Applications, copies of those references are not submitted. Copies of foreign documents and non-patent literature are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before receipt of a first Office Action on the merits; accordingly, no fee is due. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-1952, under Order No. 393032044900. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Ref. No.	Date	Document No.	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	1.	05/16/02	US 2002/0059372 A1	Goshev et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS

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	2.	Printing Under Unix, Internet Article, Anonymous, Online!, February 14, 2003
	3.	CT Magazine Fuer Computer Technik, Verlag Heinz Heise GMBH, Hannover, DE, August 17, 1998, pages 190-195
	4.	Unix System Administration Handbook, Evi Nemeth, et al., October 1, 1998, Prentice Hall, USA
	5.	CT Magazine Fuer Computer Technik, Verlag Heinz Heise GMBH, Hannover, DE, November 1998, pages 164-170

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